

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Subsequent to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and first Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 submitted on April 24, 2006, claims 26, 47 and 66 have been canceled, and claims 24, 44, 45 and 53 have been amended. Claims 24-25, 27-28, 30-46, 48-49, 51-65, 67-68 and 70-88 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Record is made of a telephone interview that took place between Examiner Holmes and Applicants' attorney on May 2, 2006. During the interview, the claims were discussed, and the above amendments were proposed.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicants' attorney submits that the independent claims are allowable over the cited references. Further, the dependent claims are also submitted to be allowable over the cited references.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.


Respectfully submitted,

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